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1. FONOFF'S BRIEFING ON BOTH THE POLITICAL
DIRECTORS' MEETING OCT. 14-15 AND ABBREVIATED POLITICAL
COOPERATION MEETING WHICH PRECEDED FOREIGN MINISTERS
COUNCIL ON OCT. 18 CONFORMED WITH INFORMATION REFTELS
WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENT.

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2. TINDEMANS REPORT: THE SCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF

CHAPTER 2 OF THE REPORT DID NOT TAKE PLACE. THE MINISTERS, THEREFORE, AGREED TO MEET OCTOBER 30. LANGUAGE DEVELOPED BY THE DRAFTING GROUP CALLS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF EC-9 POSITIONS ON BOTH DETENTE AND SECURITY ISSUES, BUT THE MEANING OF THIS LANGUAGE IS LEFT OPEN. SAFEGUARD LANGUAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT FOR SOME MEMBERS SECURITY IS LARGELY A MATTER FOR NATO IS ALSO INCLUDED. THERE IS ALSO LANGUAGE CALLING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION IN ARMS MANUFACTURE, BUT WITHOUT DISTURBING OTHER FORA (READ EPG). THE GERMANS HAVE POINTED TO NEED TO DEVELOP COMMON POLICIES ON ARMS EXPORTS, GIVEN INCREASING COOPERATION IN ARMS MANUFACTURE. THE FRENCH HAVE ASKED THE GERMANS BILATERALLY NOT TO PRESS THIS POINT. WHILE THEY ACCEPT THE GERMAN LOGIC, THE FRENCH CLAIM THAT THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE LEFT TO A LATER DATE IN VIEW OF STRONG DOMESTIC OPPOSITION IN FRANCE.

3. CYPRUS: AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION THE PRESIDENCY WAS CHARGED WITH INFORMING THE US OF EC VIEWS ON PROCEDURE, TIMING AND TEXT OF PRINCIPLES. (WE CAN SUPPLY DETAILS IF NECESSARY.)

4. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: ACCORDING TO FONOFF, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE BRIEFED BY THE PRESIDENCY ON ITS MEETING WITH RIAD EARLIER IN OCTOBER. RIAD REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL COMMISSION MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY 1977 BECAUSE THE ARAB SIDE MAY NOT BE READY TO MEET THIS YEAR. RIAD DID NOT HARP ON NEED TO INCLUDE POLITICAL SUBJECTS IN THE DIALOGUE, BUT POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED TO DEVELOP CONTINGENCY TALKING POINTS ON TOPICS LISTED IN PARA 4 OF THE HAGUE'S 5758. WHILE MAINTAINING DUBLIN FORMULA ON REPRESENTATION, OUR SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF DISCUSSIONS OF SUCH SUBJECTS WERE TO TAKE PLACE, THE FORMULA USED TO HANDLE POLITICAL SUBJECTS AT LUXEMBOURG (STATEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES WITH NO DISCUSSION) WOULD HAVE TO BE REVISED.

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